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The Newsletter of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

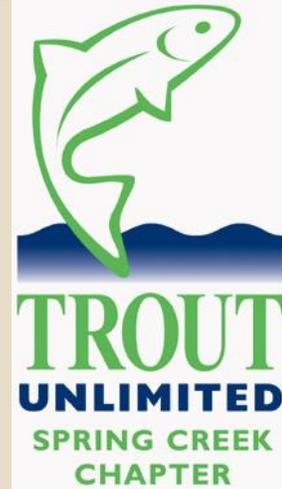
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Vance McCullough, Todd Bowersox, Gene Brown, Paul Blankenhorn, Joe Humphreys, founders of SCCTU, were honored at the 40th Anniversary Banquet.

Spring banquet enjoyed by all

The Annual Spring Banquet and 40th Anniversary Celebration. was held April 6 at Mountain View Country Club in Boalsburg. We honored the men who started the chapter. We welcomed members of the Penns Creek Chapter who attended. We took on the challenge of new raffle regulations. Thanks to all those who donated and attended our banquet, we raised funds for our operating budget. We look forward to a very productive year. Our members are the best!



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Current Chapter Membership:

462

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Judi Sittler
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SCCTU members Bob Vierck, Joe Boston, Judi Sittler, Mark Pencak and Art Kempf at Watershed Cleanup Day.

Watershed Cleanup Day April 20

Once again, Spring Creek Chapter TU participated in ClearWater Conservancy's annual Watershed Cleanup Day April 20. SCCTU covered the area near the Rock and an area near McCoy Dam. Good news. Some clean-up sites reported less trash than last year. This year Scott and Allison Brumbaugh cleaned up a site downstream of McCoy on the far bank and picked up more than 8 full bags, two bicycles, tires, and assorted trash. Clearwater Conservancy fed the volunteers well at a picnic afterward. Chris Finton continues to be a terrific hamburger/hot dog grill guy. Thanks to everyone who made this day a success.....and remember, our chapter has been cleaning up Spring Creek since 1973!

Farewell, Fiona

Our membership chair, Fiona Stewart, has accepted a new job in Los Angeles, California. She will be teaching Italian at Pepperdine University at the Malibu Campus. We will miss her contribution to our chapter. The Malibu campus is up on a hill, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Nobody is feeling sorry for her! Good luck Fiona. We will all come to visit you!

WREN grant submitted

Our chapter has recently submitted a grant proposal to the Water Resources Education Network (WREN). This is different from our grant proposals that request funds to restore in-stream

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Upcoming Member Meetings

Our speaker on **May 2** will be **Mike McFarland**, owner and chief rod maker of McFarland Rod Company. The title of Mike's presentation is "**Bringing a Fly Rod to Life.**" In an accompanying slide show, we will see demonstrated the process of construction from raw pre-preg fiber to the finished rod. Mike will also talk about various design aspects of modern fly rods and how these affect the rod's performance on the

habitat. The aim for this proposal is to educate the streamside owners along Spring Creek from Boalsburg to Houserville, on the importance of maintaining a healthy streamside buffer zone. Our planned slogan is: "Return the Roots - Runoff Pollutes." The challenge is convincing streamside owners that they can enjoy the stream without mowing up to the edge of the stream or tearing out vegetation and cutting down trees. This challenge will take a long term effort, but well worth it. Our partners in this proposal are UAJA, College and Harris Townships. We will keep you informed.

SCCTU to establish endowment

We are pleased to report that the SCCTU board has approved the establishment of an endowment through the Centre Foundation. This endowment will provide funds for streamside conservation, protection, and restoration, in perpetuity. It will also assist in funding education and awareness to the watershed community on how and why it is important to maintain and restore a healthystream.

We will announce when the fund is up and running and ready for donations.

We will be participating in the "Centre Gives" on-line fundraising event May 22 - 23.

We plan to use the funds raised during this on-line event to fund our Centre Foundation endowment which will be earmarked for Spring Creek watershed restoration in perpetuity.



Stream work, outreach on the way

Starting June 24, our chapter, in coordination with PA Fish & Boat, will begin work on the Milesburg site at the Commercial Street Bridge. This is the start of work funded by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation- Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants awarded to our chapter in 2012.

We will need volunteers to assist in this work. Please contact Bob Vierck at rvierck@verizon.net or call at (814) 360-3702 to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Part of our grant requirement is an outreach program designed to make community residents aware of the importance of a healthy streamside buffer zone. To satisfy that requirement, we will be offering casting instruction to children and adults at the Milesburg Community Park. Volunteers are needed for that event. Please contact Judi Sittler at jsittler@comcast.net or call (814) 861-3277.

water. Some raw graphite, fiberglass, scrim, mandrels, etc. will be on hand for examination by those not familiar with a fly rod's starting materials. McFarland rods are made in both graphite and fiberglass models and Mike should enlighten us on why fiberglass is making a comeback as a construction material for fly rods.

Our membership meetings, free and open to all, are held the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor meeting room at the Comfort Suites on North Atherton Street in State College.

Board meetings, open to all chapter members, are held the two Mondays after the first Thursday of the month, also at the Comfort Suites, at 7 p.m.

**SPRING
CREEK**



Kids enjoy roasting marshmallows for smores at the 2012 Steak Fry at Spring Creek Park in Houserville.

Upcoming Events

Steak Fry

June 8 from 2 to 6 p.m.

SCCTU Members, we need your advice. Do we continue to call our Spring Picnic a "Steak Fry"....even though the filets are grilled to perfection by our new grill master, David Whitman?

Please submit ideas to: Judi Sittler jsittler@comcast.net or call her (814) 861-3277. Regardless of what we call it, put the date and time on your calendar:

When: Saturday, June 8 - 2 to 6pm (or later)

Where: Spring Creek Park, Houserville, Pavillion #3 off Balmoral Way (the side without swing sets.) \$10 per person for steak filet and baked potato.

Notify Judi Sittler to order steak. jsittler@comcast.net. Kids eat free hot dogs if they don't want a steak. S'mores and will be provided free)

Bring a dish to share. Bring your own refreshments. Paper & plastic products provided. Games will be available for the children.

Buffer Buddies

June 24 & 25 from 10 am to Noon

Milesburg Community Park

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited, working with PA Fish & Boat Commission, will be constructing in- stream structures to stop stream bank erosion along Spring Creek at the Commercial Street Bridge in Milesburg. Come watch the action then join us at the Milesburg Community Park for some fly casting instruction and stream insect identification. Learn more about being a "Buffer Buddy." Children and adults welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Environmental Education Series
in conjunction with the Bellefonte Art Museum
May 5 from 1 to 4:30 pm
"TU Ties & Flies"**

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited will give children the opportunity to practice basic fly tying skills along with knot tying practice and stream insect identification. Children will learn how to identify a healthy stream through an appreciation of the insects and fish that inhabit our local Spring Creek.



The SCCTU had a very popular table at the 2013 Earthday Birthday event held at Millbrook Marsh April 14. Above, Bill Voigt explains to a young entomologist just how many kinds of aquatic insects are living in Spring Creek.

Our Mission

The mission of Spring Creek Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore Spring Creek's coldwater fishery and watershed.